

## DIGITAL SIGNING METHOD

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the invention, techniques for authenticating that a digitally signed document is genuine. Specific embodiments according to the present invention

5 can determine whether a digital signature was generated by a digital signature generator, or if the digital signature was generated by a third party posing as the digital signature generator. Specific embodiments can provide independent verification of digital signer identity based upon prior signed messages, time/date stamps, and the like. Techniques

10 according to the present invention can be embodied in methods, apparatus, computer software and systems.

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